

September 3, 1980

S. Berkeness

Selmer J. Berkeness, 79, of Groton, died Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Colonial Manor.

Funeral services were held at the Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel Monday, Sept. 1, at 11 a.m. with Pastor George Affeldt of the Worldwide Church of God in Sioux Falls officiating. Burial was in the Falnes Church Cemetery near Langford.

Lee Schinkel, soloist accompanied by Mrs. Eugene Neuman sang "Abide With Me" and "How Great Thou Art".

Selmer J. Berkeness was born April 10, 1901, in Norway. He married Esther Likness at Langford on November 23, 1927. He had lived in the Langford-Pierpont areas. He lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., from 1940 until 1972 and was a tugboat engineer. He had been a resident of the Groton area since 1972, and spent the past one and one half years at the Colonial Manor.

Survivors include one son, James, Buffalo, Minn.; five daughters, Mrs. Orville (Iva) Huffman, Groton; Mrs. Richard (Donna) Schalble, White Bear, Minn.; Mrs. Jack (Marjorie) Gillespie, Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Shirley Meyer, Langford; and Mrs. Clayton (Audrey) Jarret, Sioux Falls; one sister, Mrs. Signe Kippe, Norway; 27 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and one sister.